

**Statement Concerning Common Ownership:**

In accordance with M.P.E.P. 706.02(l)(2), Applicants' representative of record states that the current application and U.S. Patent No. 6,787,854 were, at the time the invention was made, owned by, or subject to an obligation of assignment to, Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.

Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. is the assignee of record of both the current application and U.S. Patent No. 6,787,854. U.S. Patent No. 6,787,854 is assigned to Advanced Micro Devices Inc. and recorded at Reel 013867 and Frame 0848. The present application contains an assignment to Advanced Micro Devices Inc. recorded at Reel 014917 and Frame 0797.

**REMARKS**

In the Office Action, dated March 13, 2006, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 5-11, 17, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,475,890 (hereinafter "YU") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,787,854 (hereinafter "YANG"). Applicants respectfully request that the application be reconsidered in view of the "Statement Concerning Common Ownership" above and the following remarks.

In paragraph 2, the Office Action rejects claims 1-3, 5-11, 17, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over YU in view of YANG. Since both the current application and the YANG reference were, at the time the invention was made, owned by, or subject to an obligation of assignment to, Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. (see "Statement Concerning Ownership" above), Applicants respectfully submit that YANG is disqualified under 35 U.S.C. §103(c) for use in rejecting the claims of the present application under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). In view of this disqualification, which removes the secondary reference used in rejecting the claims of the present application, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-3, 5-11, 17, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration of this application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims. To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1070 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,



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